(b) whether an in-house study had recommended that the Indian Air Force should go in for Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAVs) and sophisticated equipment for high-altitude warfare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Certain readjustments and reinforcements by Pakistan on the Line of Control and Sir Creek area have been reported. Some Pakistani reserve formations have also been moved from their permanent locations but have not been deployed near the border as yet. The situation continues to be under constant watch.

Decisions regarding acquisition of any equipment are taken after due analysis of various relevant details. The same holds good for the item referred to in the Question.

Plan to Cut off Strategically Important Lifelines in Border Areas

616. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ISI in association with other outlawed organisations is getting ready to cut off strategically important lifelines in the border areas of the country to wage another serious Kargil type war; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the developments in regard to the activities of the concerned terrorist organisations and their supporters and sponsors. All appropriate steps to meet any eventuality continue to be taken.

Air Surveillance System for IAF

617. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay in decision making in Defence Services resulted in making available to Air Force of SIGNIT air surveillance system to Air Force in 1999 whereas it was considered vital way back in 1990;